

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- Sub c' 1. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscope apparatus, comprising:
- a first drive signal generator portion for generating a first drive signal for driving an imaging device built in or removably connected to said endoscope;
 - a video signal extracting portion for obtaining a first video signal included in a an imaging signal obtained in said imaging device;
 - a second drive signal generator portion for generating a second drive signal for controlling a timing when said video signal extracting portion obtains said first video signal from said imaging signal;
 - a first processor ~~for storing~~ that includes as part of said first processor at least a part of a circuit for obtaining, from said first video signal, a second video signal that can be displayed on a monitor; and
 - a delay circuit, which is ~~stored in~~ which is included as part of said first processor and at least partially interposed between said signal source and said first drive signal generator, for delaying at least part of signals among signals included in said first drive signals and said second drive signals.
2. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first processor is a digital signal processor constructed ~~by~~ as an integrated circuit.
3. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said delay circuit is variable in its delay time.
4. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said delay circuit comprises a multistage buffer circuit connected in series and a circuit for selecting the number of stages of said multistage buffer circuit.

5. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 3, comprising a second processor for setting the delay time of said delay circuit.

6. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 5, comprising:
a switch for specifying said delay time; and
said second processor setting said delay time depending on the condition of said switch.

7. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 5, comprising:
a switch for setting information from which said delay time can be derived; and
said second processor setting said delay time depending on the condition of said switch.

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8. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 7:
wherein information from which said delay time can be derived includes information
indicating length of an insert portion of said endoscope.

9. **(Previously Amended)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 7:
wherein information from which said delay time can be derived includes identification
information for identifying a type of said endoscope.

10. **(Previously Amended)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 5,
comprising:
said endoscope including information acknowledgment portion for giving information
indicating said delay time to said second processor; and
said second processor setting said delay time depending on information acknowledged
from said information acknowledgment portion.

11. **(Previously Amended)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 5,
comprising:
said endoscope including a information acknowledgment portion for giving information
from which said delay time can be derived to said second processor; and

said second processor setting said delay time depending on information acknowledged from said information acknowledgment portion.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 11:
wherein information from which said delay time can be derived includes information indicating length of a an insert portion of said endoscope.

13. **(Original)** An endoscope apparatus according to claim 11:
wherein information from which said delay time can be derived includes identification information for identifying a type of said endoscope.
